

WRITER'S BLOC NEWSLETTER JULY—2006

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July Hospitality

Doris Walter-----SWEET
Connie Leonard—NON-SWEET
Gwen Williams---DRINKS

REMEMBER: If you can't make it the night you signed up for refreshments, call me 817-573-4164. I'll be happy to fill in for you.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Congratulations to Nancy Johnston and Glenn Scalise on their wedding June 13, 2006. There is always something exciting going on in the lives of our members.

If you have missed the past two meetings and have not had a chance to let me know what you would like to do to help our club grow, please think about it and let me know at this meeting. If you want suggestions please feel free to call me at 817-573-4818. We have a great group of writers. Tell your friends about this great group. You never know who is just itching to write a great novel and you might just be the main character!

VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

July's Program will be a Workshop On Writing Creative Nonfiction.

People have experiences, and they want to share those experiences with others. A growing force in writing is creative nonfiction. One of the pioneers in the field, Lee Gutkind encourages writers to share their experiences, but to also think locally, act globally. He means that a good piece of writing in this genre needs to connect with the personal experience and that the writer should express the personal

July Meeting

Monday, July 24

5:00 pm to 7:00 pm
Critique Session
7:00 pm to 9:00 pm
Meeting & Program

The Estates on Lake
Granbury, Hwy. 377
at Old Cleburne Rd.
Across from What-a-Burger

^^^^^^CHIPS^^^^^^

FINAL DRAFT OF CHIPS
SUBMISSIONS ARE DUE
AT JULY MEETING.

If you have a problem, call
Jerri Jeske at 1-817-557-4657
or jeskejr@flash.net

while also writing about subjects that others outside our worlds would want to know more about. In this meeting, Donna Walker-Nixon will define more the field of creative nonfiction and present exercises to get participants involved in writing locally while thinking globally.

Donna Walker-Nixon lives in Granbury with her husband Tim and three lovely puts. She writes perpetually and is currently working on a novel about eccentric characters in the community where she grew up. In her spare time, she works on a memoir about the death of her husband, George Nixon. She taught creative writing for many years at the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor, where she founded the literary publication *Windhover: A Journal of Christian Literature*. She co-edited with James Ward Lee the New Texas series from 1998-2002, and she founded the writers' festival at UMHB. After leaving UMHB Donna, with Marilyn Robitaille from Tarleton, founded the *Langdon Review of the Arts in Texas*. This magazine features art, music, theatre, photography, as well as literature. It come out each September when Marilyn and Donna host the Langdon Weekend, which features writers and artists from around the state.

Fascinating Information

We had 19 members, 1 new member, Martha Scogin, and 1 visitor, Susan Fletcher at the June meeting. Doris Walter and Bob Morris won the door prizes.

MAKE THESE CHANGES TO YOUR MEMBERSHIP LIST:

The phone number for Charles & Dominique Inge was incorrectly typed on the list. Please change to: 817-579-1270

New member: Martha Scogin, 6114 Prospect Hill, Granbury, TX 76049, 817-5796093, a.scogin@charter.net

FROM CAROL COOK:

I brought up the subject of THE AUTHORS GUILD, INC. but did not have the information to give at the meeting. I have been a member for years, and I believe all writers, published and non-published, should be a member of a national group that looks out for authors, etc. The web site is www.authorsguild.org where a wealth of info can be found.

(If anybody joins or is a member and has some information from this group that they could share, please e-mail me. I would like for different members to submit something for each newsletter. If any member has anything to share with the members, please send it to me. jwright2002@charter.net)

FROM DR. DONNA WALKER-NIXON:

The preregistration form is up and running to register for Langdon Weekend, September 6-9, 2006. Please look at our webpage <http://www.tarleton.edu/~langdonreview/> for further information. If you have questions, please feel free to contact me.

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Don't wait for a light to appear at the end of the tunnel,
stride down there....and light the bloody thing yourself.

.....Sara Henderson, Writer
Bits & Pieces Magazine

The best thing about getting old is that all those
things you couldn't have when you were young
you no longer want.

.....Earl Wilson, Columnist
Bits & Pieces Magazine